

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Hideyuki HIRANO, et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Serial No.: To Be Assigned)	
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Filed: November 30, 2000)	Examiner: To Be Assigned
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For: METHOD FOR FACILITATING)	
LEGITIMATE USE OF DIGITAL)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231*

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

- Claim 4,** lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 6,** lines 1 and 2, change "either claim 4 or 5" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 7,** lines 1 and 2, change "claim 4 or 5" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 8,** lines 1 and 2, change "claim 4 or claim 5" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 9,** lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 12,** lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 9 to 11" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 13,** lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 9 to 12" to --claim 1--.

REMARKS

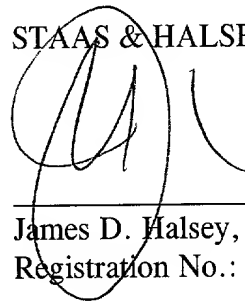
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally-filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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